

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held at Mentmore Village Hall on Wednesday 4th October 2023 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors Robert Fletcher (Chairman), Tracey Waring-Mundy (Vice Chairman), Peter Brazier and Caroline Horgan.

Mentmore Parish Clerk Bridget Knight.

Five members of the public.

C/089/23 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C/090/23 Apologies and Attendance.

Councillor Butler submitted his apologies which were accepted.

C/091/23 Disclosures of interest on items pertaining to the agenda.

None.

C/092/23 To approve the minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd August 2023.

It was agreed that the minutes were true and accurate. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

C/093/23 Co-Option of Parish Councillor(s).

Deferred to next meeting.

C/094/23 Public Question Time.

Village Hall Booking Clerk/Mentmore Devolved Services Contractor:

- The Village Hall Bookings Clerk requested monthly bank statements and it agreed to send them to him electronically.
- Concerns raised concerns over the small lime tree on the Green, the Chairman confirmed a tree survey will be booked to survey all the trees on the Village Green, the Clerk will obtain a quotation.
- The Village Hall hedge has been cut by the neighbouring resident and the Mentmore Parish Council contractor dissatisfied with the cut has re-cut the hedge.
- Complaint stating the verges are impassable following the installation work by Ecom.
- Concerns over his Sat Nav system not indicating speed limits in Mentmore, the Councillors stated their systems do.

C/095/23 Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).

Councillor Brazier reported that the household recycling centre times are changing to winter opening times.

The Chairman commented to Councillor Brazier that the millions in the budget road repairs there has not been much improvements in the local area. Councillor Waring-Mundy

complained about the quality of the road repairs that have been undertaken recently. Councillor Horgan complained the number of bent road signs and broken bollards, Councillor Brazier will report this.

C/096/22 Planning Applications:

23/02809/APP | Householder application for new detached garage with ancillary accommodation over | Honeysuckle Lodge Crafton Lodge Road Crafton Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QJ.

Objection PROPOSED BY Councillor Waring Mundy and SECONDED BY Councillor Brazier and carried unanimously.

23/02685/APP | Change of use of land from agricultural to mixed agricultural and equestrian and development of American Barn for stabling and ancillary equestrian storage of feed and bedding for personal recreation and leisure use | 22 Acre Paddock Cheddington Road Mentmore Leighton Buzzard LU7 0QG.

A vote took place with one Councillor Objecting with the majority No Comment PROPOSED BY Horgan Councillor and SECONDED BY Councillor Fletcher and carried.

23/02916/APP | Change of use of land to equestrian and provision of manege for personal recreation and leisure use | 22 Acre Paddock Cheddington Road Mentmore Leighton Buzzard LU7 0QG

A vote took place with one Councillor Objecting with the majority No Comment PROPOSED BY Horgan Councillor and SECONDED BY Councillor Fletcher and carried.

Pending Decision by Buckinghamshire Council:

23/02313/APP | Installation of a renewable energy generating solar farm comprising ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays together with substation, tower connection, transformer stations, switchroom, site accesses, internal access tracks, security measures, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure and landscaping and biodiversity enhancements | Land East Of Ledburn Mentmore Buckinghamshire

C/097/23 Village Hall, Village Green and Mentmore Parish Events.

A discussion took place about Village Hall tables and this will be discussed next meeting.

Village Hall soap dispensers – deferred to next meeting.

Village Hall toilet – the Chairman will research quotes.

Councillor Horgan explained a planter will be removed from in front of the privet hedge. The planters will be re-planted with winter bedding for a budget of £30. A member a of public requested no further money is spent on flowers in front of the Pub.

C/098/23 Footpaths, Bridleways, Trees and Playgrounds.

Stile by cricket pitch – completed.

Village gates – to be installed 19th and 20th October 2023.

The Crafton Coronation trees have been planted by the Chairman, Councillor Horgan and the Parish Clerk. A local resident emailed to thank the Parish Council.

Two MVAS for Mentmore Village it was agreed to purchase these when funding is available. There are two fallen trees on the Crafton footpath and Councillor Fletcher will check if they can be removed.

C/099/23 Devolved Services inc Grass Cutting Tender.
Councillor Brazier is working on this and a meeting will be arranged.

C/100/23 Finance and Accounts for Payment.

The following payments were approved for payment:

| Payee: | | Amount |
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| Majestic Trees | Tree supports etc | £63.60 |
| Hugo Fox | Monthly cost - on-going | £23.99 |
| Clerks expenses | Allowance and expenses - Sept 23 | £24.00 |
| Clerks expenses | Allowance and expenses - Aug 23 | £31.55 |
| D Armson | Reimburse VH expenses | £38.99 |
| Octopus Energy | VH Elec - August 23 | £37.46 |
| Ivinghoe PC | Phone share | £15.00 |
| Lloyds Bank | Bank fees | £3.00 |
| Amazon | Office supplies | £38.82 |
| Ramblers Association | Donate a Gate | £500.00 |
| Currys | Speedwatch equipment – memory sticks | £42.97 |
| Unity Trust | Bank fees | £18.00 |
| N Power | Streetlight Electricity | £205.34 |
| Amazon | Speedwatch equipment – counter | £4.25 |
| Gallagher | Insurance premium | £1,108.24 |

| Received: | | |
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| Precept | | £7,631.50 |
| Table Tennis | VH Rent | £75.00 |
| A Goran | VH Rent | £32.50 |
| J Collier | VH Rent | £18.00 |

| Balances at 30.09.23 | | |
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| Mentmore PC Current Account | | £18,871.57 |
| Mentmore VH Current Account | | £19,652.79 |
| Total: | | £38,524.36 |

C/101/23 Clerk's Report

Jonathan Langley will order the Christmas Tree which will be lit on the same day as the Christmas Fair to be held on 3rd December at The Stag.

C/102/23 Meeting Dates

2023: 6th December.

2024: 7th February, 3rd April, 1st May, 5th June, 7th August, 2nd October and 4th December.

The meeting closed 8.24pm.